

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13459–S13516

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced as follows: S. 2084–2095. **Pages S13501–02**

Measures Passed:

United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: Senate passed H.R. 4340, to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, clearing the measure for the President.

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Morris K. Udall Scholarship: Senate passed S. 2093, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to provide funds for training in tribal leadership, management, and policy.

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Indian Tribal Justice Systems: Senate passed S. 2094, to reauthorize certain provisions relating to Indian tribal justice systems.

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National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 275, designating the week of February 6, 2006 as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Deficit Reduction Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following morning business on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, Senate begin consideration of a message from the House of Representatives to accompany S. 1932, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95), that the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House and request a conference with the House thereon; that only certain motions to instruct the conferees be in order; that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; that no amendments be in order to the motions to instruct; that the only debate in order under the statute, other than debate on the motions, be 30 min-

utes equally divided for general debate between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Budget; that all motions be debated on Wednesday, and that the votes occur in relation to the motions in a stacked sequence at a time to be determined; provided further, that any votes which do not occur prior to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, be stacked to occur beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2005. **Page S13510**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following Nominations:

Michael L. Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

Gary A. Grappo, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management).

Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State.

Michell C. Clark, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education.

Anne-Imelda Radice, of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum Services.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

20 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy, and Foreign Service.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Edward L. Flippen, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Services, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005.

Ellen G. Engleman Connors, of Indiana, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years, which was sent to the Senate on April 4, 2005.

John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), which was sent to the Senate on September 6, 2005.

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Nominations Discharged: The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2005, which was sent to the Senate on November 9, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Deborah Taylor Tate, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on November 9, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Pages S13501, S13508**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S13500**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, December 14, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13510.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the nomination of J. Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Deborah Taylor Tate, of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, and Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Inouye, each to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 4500–4522; 1 private bill, H.R. 4523; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 597 were introduced. **Pages H11502–04**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11504–05**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2695, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to protect the personally identifying information of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (H. Rept. 109–336);

Conference report on H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–337);

H.R. 1728, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the

State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–338);

H.R. 3626, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–339);

H.R. 3153, to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs (H. Rept. 109–340);

H.R. 2720, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to control salt cedar and Russian olive (H. Rept. 109–341, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3422, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–342);